

# HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE TOWN OF ENFIELD

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## Safety Reminders

**Safety is a priority for Enfield Housing.**

During property inspections over the past several years, there have been a number safety/fire hazards that were noticed in the units and on the property. The most common hazards and/or lease violations are:

**Candles burning in unit** – This is a lease violation

**Disabled smoke detectors** –it is your responsibility to change the batteries and report any malfunctions. At no time should they be disconnected

### **Electrical Issues:**

#### **Damaged cords**

**Electrical cords in the kitchen that ran behind the faucet**

**Electrical cords running underneath carpets** – heat cannot escape from the cord and may result in a fire

**Electrical cords wrapped around the gas line on the building** – energized wires cannot come in contact with gas lines

**Holiday lighting, security cameras, electric lawn mowers, power tools, inflatables, etc. powered by an extension cord running through a window, door and/or wall.** This is an electrical hazard as well as a lease violation. The National Electrical Code states, “Cords and cables shall not be used where they run through doorways, windows or similar openings.”

**Multiple power strips connected together**

**Overuse of Circuits** - **-too many and/or heavy duty appliances are plugged into a surge protector, adapter, or extension cord.** Some appliances require more energy than a surge protector, adapter or extension cord can provide, and they can overload a circuit and may cause a fire. Some examples of appliances that should ONLY be plugged directly into an unshared wall outlet are air conditioners, coffee machine, electric skillet, freezer, microwaves, refrigerator, toaster, toaster oven, other extension cords and power strips. etc.

**Items hanging on the utilities in the basement or utility room**

**Items in the basement or utility room stored too close to the heating unit and hot water heater** – items must be stored 3 feet away

**Refrigerators and other major appliances outside** - Children are often tempted to play (such as hide and seek) inside these items and become trapped and cannot escape. The airtight seal prevents them from getting air, resulting in suffocation. This is also a lease violation.

**Unattended cooking fires**

**Unattended fires in a fire ring**

**Please take a few moments to inspect your unit for any dangers and correct the situation**

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The Enfield Housing Authority provides equal opportunity to participate in our housing programs. Any disabled individual requiring a reasonable accommodation to fully utilize the housing programs and related services may request such by contacting Colin Hoppie, Portfolio Director at (860) 745-7493 ext. 202

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